

REMARKS

Status of Claims

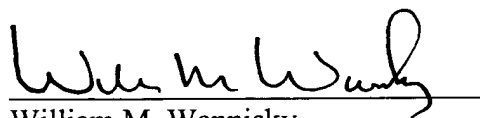
Claims 1 through 9 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been amended to even more succinctly recite the invention and/or to improve their form. Claims 6 through 9 have been added to accord Applicant an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 6 are the only independent claims present in the application.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

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